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1. [redacted] there is a deep current of antipathy toward the Iranian central Government on the part of Iran's Kurds. The Kurds refuse to pay taxes to the Government and in general are successful in avoiding efforts to force tax collection.
2. The Iranian Kurdish tribes are still armed, despite Iranian Government campaigns to disarm them, campaigns which in the past have produced some arms that were turned in to the Army, but have by no means left the tribes defenseless. Iranian Kurds now are armed with "some" Brno (Czech) rifles and "a few" Brno machine guns, all smuggled in via Iraq.
3. The Iranian Gendarmerie in the Rezaiyeh district keep to the towns and seldom venture out, except in force. [redacted] drive from Rezaiyeh brings one into Kurdish tribal country, where the chiefs and not the Iranian Army or gendarmes are the authority."

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